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## MOTHER LODGE RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT ZONE



### ZONE INFORMATION

The Mother Lode Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) encompasses all of Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties. Part of the Sierra foothill region of California, the counties lie on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada. The terrain is diverse, ranging from level farms and ranches, through scenic rolling hills, to giant redwoods and craggy mountain peaks. Calaveras and Tuolumne have an accessible air, rail, and ground transportation network that attracts commerce and commuters from throughout the San Francisco Bay Area and California's Central Valley. The Lodi, Stockton, and Sacramento areas are within a 30-90 minute drive.

### PROGRAM INFORMATION

California Recycling Market Development Zones are designated by the Integrated Waste Management Board. The Board offers low-interest loans up to \$1 million, technical assistance on financing strategies, and assistance in marketing zones nationally and internationally. For more information on this program and other market development programs, contact the Board's Recycling Business Assistance Branch at (916) 255-1000.

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### **TARGET MATERIALS**

Although Calaveras and Tuolumne counties have a wide variety of recyclable materials with manufacturing potential, four types of feedstock are targeted for special emphasis. Glass, paper, plastic, and tires are identified priorities, not only because of their availability, but because associated manufacturing can be tied directly to other segments of the local economy

### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

Collection services in Tuolumne County are provided by a private company, Cal Sierra Disposal, Inc., which collects newspaper, glass containers, aluminum and steel cans, PET (polyethylene terephthalate) plastic, and clear/opaque HDPE (high-density polypropylene) plastic containers. Cal Sierra Recycling has a materials recovery facility/intermediate processing facility to serve Tuolumne County and the City of Sonora. Calaveras County has four certified redemption buyback centers in Calaveras County and six satellite transfer stations. Recycling drop-off bins are located at each of these stations.

### **INCENTIVES**

The cities and counties making up the Mother Lode RMDZ offer a variety of incentives to encourage business development. Permit streamlining, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) technical assistance, access to Small Business Administration loans, and economic development grants are among the incentives which may be provided. Additional support, such as the waiving of mitigation fees, may also be available, depending on the type of industry and its proposed location.

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